



MA Budget Boot Camp

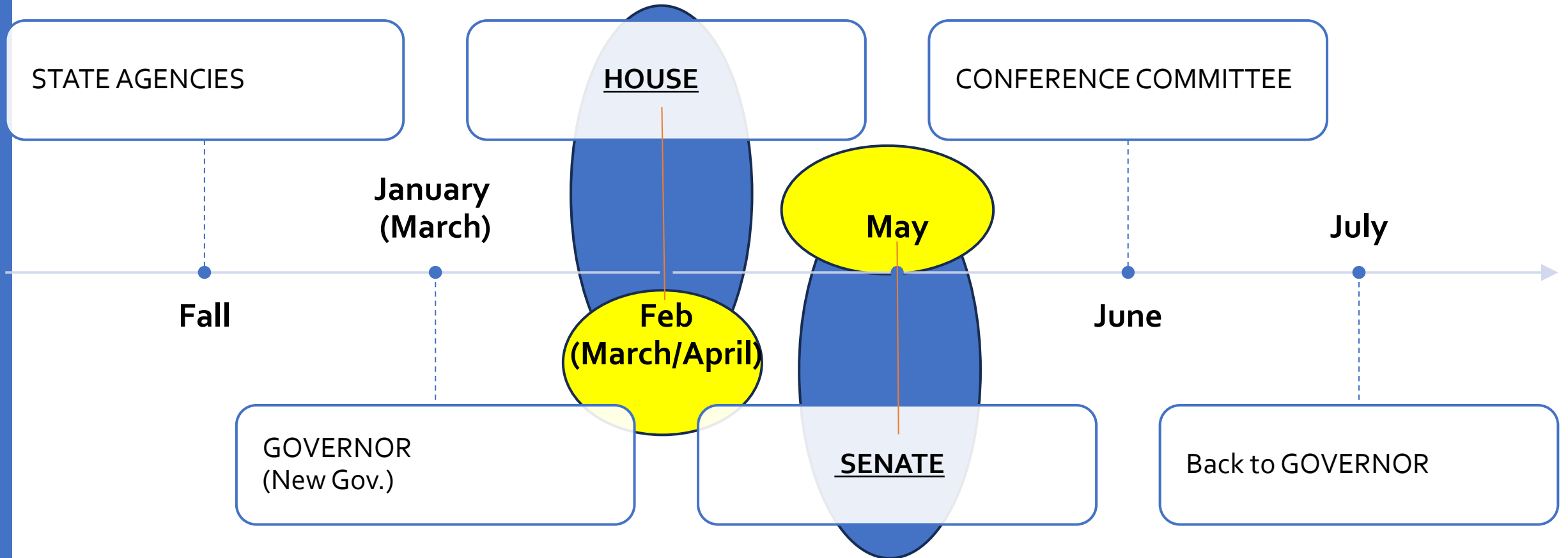
Preparation for
State House Advocacy Day on May 16

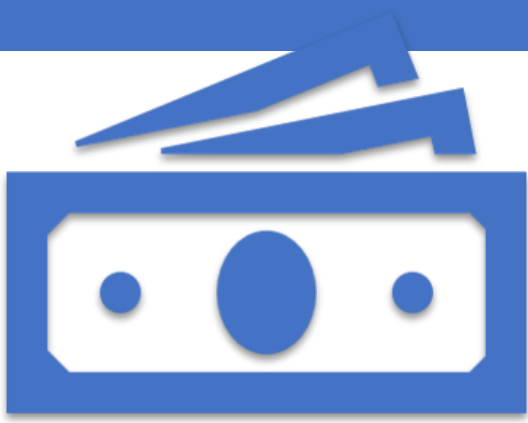
Feb. 2024

The Children's League of Massachusetts

Boston, MA

Budget Timeline





Budget Priorities

- See State Budget Line-Item Priorities for Children, Youth, Families, and Providers on our website's table: <https://www.childrensleague.org/advocacy/state-advocacy/#section-state-budget>
 - *Department of Children and Families*
 - *Department of Mental Health*
 - *Department of Youth Services*
 - *Department of Public Health*
 - *Governor's Offices and Other Health and Human Services Line Items*

Invest in Family Support and Stabilization for high-quality, evidence-based preventative services

Line Item	Description	FY22 Enacted	FY23 Enacted*	FY24 Enacted**	FY25 Governor's Proposal
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Department of Children and Families

4800-0040	Family Support & Stabilization	\$70,066,570	\$72,757,132	\$88,757,132	\$139,539,127
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WORKFORCE – Chapter 257 - Recruit and retain the staff needed to deliver critical services to children and families, preventing further chaos for individuals and the systems that support families

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**Governor's Offices and Other
Health and Human Services**

1599-6903	Chapter 257	\$79,000,000	\$230,000,000	\$173,000,000	\$390,000,000
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Address the high-acuity issue faced in congregate care

Line Item	Description	FY22 Enacted	FY23 Enacted*	FY24 Enacted**	FY25 Governor's Proposal
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Department of Children and Families

4800-0041	Congregate Care	\$307,776,535	\$336,941,311	\$431,019,785	\$495,889,634
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Family Resource Centers (FRCs) must be appropriately staffed deliver the myriad of key services to meet the needs in their communities and to deliver locally relevant programming for families

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Department of Children and Families					
4800-0200	Family Resource Centers	\$25,000,000	\$28,300,000	\$27,807,519	\$27,329,607

Vigilance is needed due to the level funding based on understaffed numbers.

Fund Temporary Assistance for Families with Dependent Children and Emergency Aid to the Elderly, Disabled and Children at adequate levels to meet needs.

Line Item	Description	FY22 Enacted	FY23 Enacted*	FY24 Enacted**	FY25 Governor's Proposal
Governor's Offices and Other Health and Human Services					
4403-1000	Emergency Aid to Elderly, Disabled and Children	\$102,738,779	\$147,462,852	\$182,055,295 after gC cuts (was \$186.4M)	\$178,982,092
4403-2000	Transitional Aid to Families and Dependent Children	\$275,916,458	\$377,579,793	\$431,499,004 after gC cuts (was \$444.7M)	\$496,214,609

□ **Child and Family Welfare and Well Being**

- \$2.1M to support increased demand in the **Massachusetts Youth Diversion program** and serve three additional counties
- \$11.4M to **Department of Children and Families Local and Regional Management of Services**
- **EA (Emergency Assistance) for Emergency Family Shelter** should be further supported by a coming supplemental budget, continued appeals for federal assistance, and reforms to the overburdened system.
- \$3.1M in a new **Postpartum Care Services** program within DCF, serving families impacted by substance use disorder
- \$492.2M to **Special Education Circuit Breaker** (combined with prior \$75M supplemental funding meets projected claims)

□ **Behavioral Health**

- \$10M increase to DMH's **children and adolescent mental health services**
- \$3.6M to support DPH's **school-based behavioral health programming**
- \$5M for **early childhood mental health supports and services**

□ **Childcare and Early Education**

- Building up Commonwealth Preschool Partnership Initiative (CPPI) **Pre-K Initiative** with \$21M investment up from \$5.5M to expand universal access to high-quality preschool
- Creating a **Childcare Affordability** Initiative receiving a \$75M investment to serve an additional 4,000 children
- \$150M for **Child Care Grants to Providers**
- \$65M for **Early Education and Care** financial assistance rate increases

CLM – Join our calls for action!

- ***Added Outreach:*** *meet with, call, or email your legislators*
- *Sign on to **letters** to legislators and the Governor*
- *Sign on to **testimony** for hearings*
- **Spread the message** (fact sheets, social media, blog posts, surveys)



STAY CONNECTED

- Join a **CLM Task Force** and/or **Coalition**
- Follow **CLM Newsletters, Action Alerts, Social Media Campaigns**
- Check **CLM's website** and **Member's Portal**



A screenshot of the Children's League of Massachusetts website. The header features the organization's logo, social media icons for Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn, and buttons for 'GET INVOLVED' and 'MEMBERS PORTAL'. A navigation menu includes links for 'About CLM', 'Our Members', 'Our Advocacy', 'News & Publications', and 'Resources'. The main content area has a large image of a woman speaking, with the headline 'The Governor's 9C Budget Cuts Impact Select Services for Children and Families'. Below the headline, a sub-headline reads: 'Among a few other line items on CLM's advocacy agenda, Gov. Healey's budget cuts eliminated 10% cash assistance grant increases'. A 'READ MORE' button is located below the sub-headline. At the bottom of the page, a dark blue banner contains the text 'Standing Up for Children and Families'.

Resources



ONLINE

- Budget Priorities
- Budget Blog Posts
- Action Alerts & Newsletter

NEXT TRAINING

- State House Advocacy Know-Before-You-Go (May 10)

ADVOCACY DAY

- Priority Bills & Budget Items Fact Sheets
- Legislative Meeting Tips & Directions

***** What else would you be helpful? *****

Budget Advocacy Comments/Questions?





COUNTING DOWN TO **STATE HOUSE ADVOCACY DAY!**

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Let's Continue the Conversation!

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